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DEA MEXICO FOR HOLIFIELD, BAEZA, GARAY AND WHITE
STATE FOR INL ONLY

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF \$51,620 U.S. CURRENCY AND THE ARREST OF
SIX INDIVIDUALS TI-05-0002/UEZ1I;COLMER-LACAYO,EDUARDO
CCX:GFTI-05-9276/OEZ1I; MONEY LAUNDERING
GFAN-04-8002; OPERATION KNIGHT MOVES
GFTI-98-8001/WECIF; OPERATION WAHOO
GFTI-05-9154; HONDURAS

SUMMARY CASE FILE

DEFENDANTS

Name:FAGOT-Jardines, Edison David
DPOB:43 YOA- UNKNOWN
Gender: Male

Name: BOLANOS, Cibio Misael
DPOB: 36 YOA-UNKNOWN
Gender: Male

COLOMER-Lacayo, Eduardo
Age: 40 YOA-UNKNOWN
Gender: Male

POWELL, Arbin Bordas
Age: 19 YOA-UNKNOWN
Gender: Male

ZELAYA, Luis Santiago
Age: 21 YOA-UNKNOWN
Gender: Male

FLORES, Lisa Iveth
AGE: 17 YOA-UNKNOWN
Gender: Female

12. JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Republic of Honduras

13. DATE/TIME/PLACE
January 5, 2005, 0500 at Barra de Caratasca, Gracias A Dios,
Honduras.

14. DRUG EXHIBITS
None.

15. NON-DRUG EXHIBITS
Exhibit-N-1: \$51,620 in U.S.Currency.

CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE:
Exhibit N-1 described above was processed in accordance with
Honduran law enforcement administrative procedures.

16. ACTION ON DEFENDANTS
All of the above named defendants were arrested in violation
of Honduran Financial reporting statutes. All arrested are
pending adjudication of charges.

17. WITNESSES
Honduran Naval Officer, Milton Roldan Meza-Sanchez.

DETAILS:

18. (U) During December of 2004, the Tegucigalpa Country
Office(TCO) received a substantial increase in intelligence
information concerning the maritime smuggling of cocaine into
the coastal area of La Moskitia, Honduras, located in the
remote north east coast bordering Nicaragua. The information
came from several independent sources.

19. (U) In response to this information, the TCO contacted
the Navy and coordinated an increase of Navy patrols along
the north coast, in conjunction with TCO-initiated ground
operations that were being conducted by the TCO vetted unit
and elements of the Frontier police.

110. (U) On December 31, 2004, C/A Mark Discenza and S/A Tony
Sanes met with Honduran Navy Commander Jose Eduardo
Espinal-Paz. At the TCO's request, Commander Espinal agreed
to continue the Navy's increased patrols, especially, along

the northeastern coastline area of the Department of Gracias A Dios, HD.

¶11. (U) On January 5, 2005, a Honduran naval vessel conducting a maritime patrol in the vicinity of Barra de Caratasca detained and searched a 25 foot, white go-fast boat. A subsequent search of the go-fast resulted in the seizure of \$51,620, and the arrest of 6 individuals aboard. Although cocaine residue was found on the vessel, no measurable quantities were discovered. The incident was reported to the Honduran police and the Prosecutors office in Puerto Lempira. Honduran Prosecutors authorized the arrest of the above defendants.

¶12. (U) It must be noted, that although the Honduran Navy has always been willing to act on drug trafficking intelligence provided by DEA, its consistency has been intermittent at best for lack of fuel. Because fuel provided through INL funding and DEA intelligence were part of the equation, this particular operation by the Honduran Navy yielded six arrests and a seizure of \$51,620.

¶13. (U) On the same day, the Honduran Navy encountered the Honduran flagged vessel Sheena MC II in the vicinity of Limon, Honduras. The Sheena MC II is owned by Bob Ward MCNAB (NADDIS 887780), a suspected narcotic smuggler. As the Honduran Navy attempted to stop the vessel, it proceeded to increase its speed in effort to evade capture. The Honduran Navy pursued the Sheena MC II for an hour until it was able to stop and board the vessel. A search of the vessel was negative, but the vessel was found to be in violation of two Honduran maritime regulations. The vessel was cited for the maritime violations and released by the Honduran Navy.

¶14. (U) Subsequently, a high level Honduran Navy official received a call from Honduran Congressman Kerry Evans McNab (related to Bob MCNAB) demanding the justification for detaining and boarding the vessel at sea. It should be noted that U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa revoked Congressman McNab's visa in August 2002, because of his attempts to have the Honduran Navy release another vessel that was under suspicion for transporting contraband.

¶15. The TCO will report any information that becomes available regarding this matter.

¶16. (U) This cable is submitted in lieu of a DEA6 pursuant to the DEA Agents Manual, Section 6242.11.

¶17. (U) Any questions or replies should be directed to CA John M. Discenza, SA Tony Sanes, and/or IA John Domingue at (301)985-9321.

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¶7. MCNAB, Bobby Mano - NADDIS 887780
¶8. EVANS-MCNAB, Kerry - NADDIS NEGATIVE
Occupation: Honduran Congressman
Address: Roatan, Honduras
Palmer